

AQMD's Legislative Goals & Objectives for 2011

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State:

Federal Clean Air Act Section 185

Sponsor or support legislation that would address potential inequities regarding Clean Air Act Section 185 fees for major stationary sources operating in areas that fail to attain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone by stipulated deadlines, including motor vehicle registration fees and/or AB 118 funds that would serve as an alternative fee equivalent program under EPA's guidance.

Pension Reform

Sponsor or engage in legislation that would institute pension reform allowing greater flexibility for the District's future retirement obligations after appropriate negotiations with AQMD bargaining units.

Offsets

Participate in any items related to emission offset requirements or power plant approvals for SCAQMD, while furthering the pursuit of clean air objectives. Seek appropriate reforms to SB 288 should it become necessary for a functioning permit program.

Intellectual Property

Sponsor or engage in legislation that would allow AQMD to retain intellectual property rights and authority regarding proprietary materials that is created in whole or part through AQMD funds, to be utilized for the public's benefit.

Infrastructure Funding under Moyer

Sponsor or engage in legislation that would Allow AB923 funds to be used for the replacement of older natural gas fueling tanks of school buses owned by public school districts.

Surface Transportation

Support and expand air quality policy and funding considerations, and the role of air districts, in the implementation of federal surface transportation policies and programs at the state and local levels.

AQMD Authority /Funding

Protect AQMD's authority and funding to continue the implementation of the Board's clean air policies and programs as required by state and federal law.

Air Quality Funding and Climate Change

Work with the legislature and CARB to:

- Maximize funding opportunities under Prop 1B (both transportation and air quality), AB 118, and Moyer programs, for air pollution reduction and public health benefits.
- Facilitate the implementation of the state's climate change initiatives at local levels, for maximizing emission reduction co-benefits and streamlining program implementation, consistent with Board policies.